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The first Progress Report for the
65th British National Science Fiction Convention
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow
18th – 21st April 2014

About Us

Satellite 4 is the 65th Eastercon, to be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow, from the 18th – 21st April 2014.

The Guests of Honour

John Meaney	Author
Juliet E McKenna	Author
Jim Burns	Artist
Alice and Steve Lawson	Fans

The Special Guest

Sir Terry Pratchett	Author (limited appearance, subject to health)

The Oort Crowd (Committee)

Satellite 4 is being organised by some of the people who ran previous Satellite conventions, augmented by well-established conrunners:

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From the Chair

So, we won the bid! That was the easy part, now all we have to do is organise the very best Eastercon we can in Glasgow 2014. Obviously it is early doors yet, but we have the key elements in place with most of our Guests and the hotel all signed up. Also, we have a few of our key senior staff on-board and will be working over the next few months to put the rest of the team together.

Of course, we will be appearing at other conventions over the next 18 months to promote Satellite 4, build the membership and force money out of fans. Clearly you are safe, since by reading this you must have joined already, but please do come by our table and say 'Hi'. Also, don't forget to volunteer! We want as many people involved in Satellite 4 as possible, whether it is helping with pre-convention promotion, at-convention support or contributing ideas for programme items.

We will be keeping all our members informed with the latest developments on Satellite 4. As well as the Uplinks (Progress Reports, for the traditional), we will post interesting news items plus updates on the convention and the activities of all our guests through our (rather splendiferous, if I say so myself) website. You can also follow us via Facebook and Twitter feeds, so please sign up and join in the fun!

So, lots of activity now, and lots to look forward to. I will see you all in Glasgow 2014!

Michael

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Our Guests

Guest of Honour: Juliet E McKenna

Juliet is a fantasy author living in Oxfordshire. She originally studied Greek and Roman history and literature and this is reflected in the realism that she brings to her work: her readers don't just have a sense of being in a fantasy world, but a *real* fantasy world. She currently has 14 novels in four series in print, and the final draft of her fifteenth book is with her publisher. Juliet regularly teaches classes in writing and is part of The Write Fantastic. Juliet is also chair of the 64th Eastercon, Eightsquared, and so is a bone fide Big Name Fan – all whilst raising a family. She is also an accomplished martial artist.

Guest of Honour: John Meaney

John's first book To Hold Infinity was given to attendees at Concussion (Eastercon 2006) and was one of The Daily Telegraph's Books of the Year. Now he has ten books in print covering four series. John writes SF, fantasy, and near future thrillers. He too is a martial arts expert (we could be the first Eastercon to have author guest seniority decided by *jiyu kumite*). Originally studying physics and computer science at the OU, he used to be an IT professional, trainer, and occasional hypnotist. Now he writes full-time. And despite what Carolyn has been saying for six years, the actor who plays Chief O'Brian is *not* his brother.

Guest of Honour: Jim Burns

Jim Burns has been a professional SF artist since 1972 when he was paid for his first commission. Since then he has won a Hugo three times and a BSFA award 12 times. His work is instantly recognisable, as we've all grown up with it. As a nice tie-in, he has illustrated several of John Meaney's book covers (several of which are on display in the gallery he kindly supplied for the Satellite 4 website), and gave us the iconic Spaceport Glasgow image for Interaction's souvenir book. Jim is an almost-permanent fixture at Eastercons, but has never been a GoH – until now.

Fan Guests of Honour: Alice and Steve Lawson

Alice and Steve should probably have been Fan GoHs long before now. Both have won the Doc Weir Award (Steve in 2006 and Alice in 2010). They were both on the committee of LX, Paragons I & II, Illumination and Intuition. Alice is now the co-chair of Loncon 3, the 72nd Worldcon (having been deputy

chair of the bid committee), and Steve is running membership. Steve is the inventor of the double sided membership badge and Alice is well-known as the only one who can keep Steve in line.

Special Guest: Terry Pratchett

Does this man really require an introduction? He has been publishing books since 1971 and has written 39 best selling *Discworld* books. Some of Sir Terry's many awards include a knighthood, an OBE, the Carnegie medal, eight honorary doctorates, the 2012 Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse award for comic fiction, and the World Fantasy award for lifetime achievement. He has been accused of literature, but continues to write fantasy despite that. His works parody real-world subjects such as opera, movie-making, banking, the postal service and are often filled with fantasy and SF in-jokes. His books have been adapted for radio, television, theatre, games and music. We would love to hear a rendition of "A Wizard's Staff has a Knob on the End" at Satellite 4.

Guests Emeritus: Ken MacLeod, Iain M Banks, Charles Stross

Satellite 4 would never have happened if the committee hadn't had the opportunity to cut their teeth on Satellites 1, 2, and 3. In recognition of our previous GoHs' help in getting the series off the launch pad, the Satellite conventions have awarded them the title of Guests Emeritus, which grants them life membership of all future Satellite conventions. We are hoping that all three will be able to make a showing at Satellite 4.

Introducing the Spaceship of Honour

It's a tradition of Satellite conventions to have an official mascot, and we'd like to introduce Voyager 1 as Satellite 4's. The JPL-built probe visited Jupiter and Saturn on the official part of its mission, sending back the first high-quality pictures of the gas giants and their attendant moons. This plucky little spaceship went far beyond its expected limits, and has recently celebrated its 35th year of operation. It is well on its way to being the first human artefact to leave our solar system entirely, taking its famous golden record who knows where, and is predicted to be good for another ten years of operation at least. They really don't build them like this any more, and in honour of its achievements and its creators', we've decided to dub it our Spaceship of Honour.

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Hotel Information

Room bookings are not open yet. We are planning to launch them at Eight Squared. Some preliminary information is provided below.

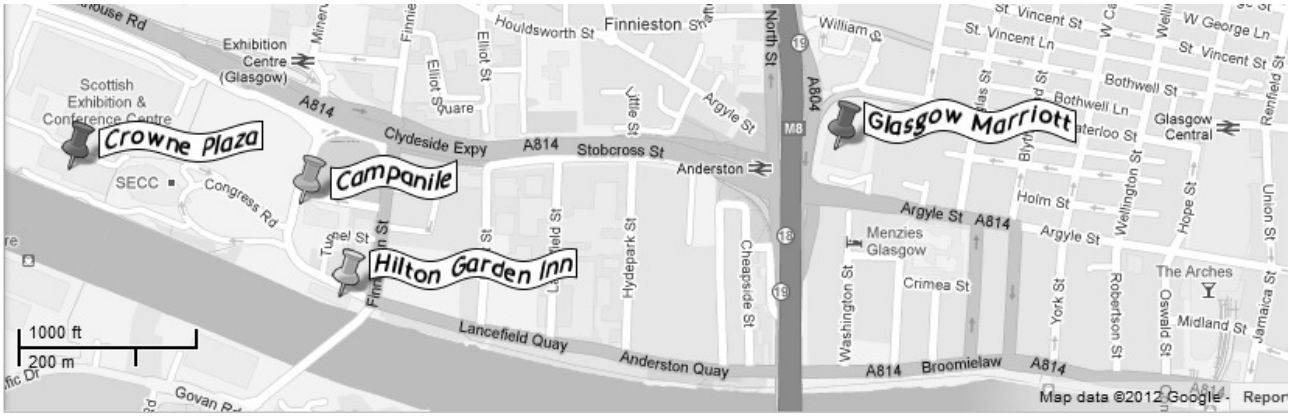
Convention Hotel – the Crowne Plaza

http://www.crowneplazaglasgow.co.uk/

The Crowne Plaza has two fully accessible rooms and some rooms suitable for families — sleeping two adults and 1 or 2 children. Children (aged up to 15) will stay free in their parents room; however, if they are aged 12 – 15 years, they will have to pay for breakfast if taken.

Overflow Accommodation

We have arranged overflow accommodation at the Campanile hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn, and the Marriott Hotel.



Campanile

http://www.campanile-glasgow-secc.co.uk/en/index.aspx

The Campanile is situated across the car park from the Crowne Plaza. They have their own car parking. They have five fully accessible rooms and two family rooms. Children up to 15 years stay free and are entitled to free breakfast (those 16 and above are classed as adults).

Hilton Garden Inn

http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hilton-garden-inn-glasgow-city-centre-GLACCGI/index.html

The Hilton Garden Inn is also situated across the car park from the Crowne Plaza. It has its own car park. The Hilton Garden Inn does not have any family rooms. They have 9 fully accessible rooms.

Glasgow Marriott

http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/gladt-glasgow-marriott-hotel/

For those who want to stay nearer the city centre, the Marriott is just over a mile from the Crowne Plaza, and has its own car park. They have two fully accessible rooms and a large number of rooms suitable for families. Children up to 15 years stay free and pay half price for breakfast (those 16 and above are classed as adults).

Rates

Crowne Plaza	Double:	£105	Single:	£80
Marriot	Double:	£100	Single:	£80
Hilton Garden Inn	Double:	£95	Single:	£85
Campanile	Double:	£75	Single:	£65

All rates are per room per night, bed and breakfast.

Note: All our hotels are 100% non-smoking.

Transport

Glasgow can easily be reached by road, (budget) airline from most major UK and European airports, and by rail. The convention hotel is less than 0.5 mile from Junction 19 of the M8, about 8 miles from Glasgow Airport, and a short train ride from Glasgow Central Station.

Keep Us Up to Date

If you go to the ***Join Satellite 4*** section of our website, you'll see a new item titled ***My Membership***. Fill out this form with the email address you gave when you signed up, and you'll be sent an email containing one or more special URLs. Each URL takes you to a form that lets you change the details of your membership – so if you want to change your badge name, have moved house, or want to volunteer, you can let us know about it right away. Tell the website when you've finished editing, so it knows to lock your details again.

Economic, and Ecologically Sound Too!

One thing which may not have been available when you first filled out your membership is the option to request paper PRs. In future, we'd like to save money and the planet by sending out PRs by email. Please help us by using the ***My Membership*** form to turn off paper PRs!

Programme

Satellite 4 will combine many of the features people have enjoyed about previous Satellite conventions – notably the strong science theme and the emphasis on fun – with the scope and variety of a typical Eastercon programme. We shall have talks across the breadth of science fiction, fantasy and science; and panel discussions covering literature, TV and films, (space) science, and matters of broader interest to the community, from publishing to the future of fandom itself. There will be readings, games, quizzes, tasting sessions, and workshops where you can try your hand at new activities.

A highlight of the convention will be items featuring our fantastic Guests of Honour and Special Guest. The programme will also feature a number of Day Guests – experts who will give interesting lectures on specialist subjects. We want to run some relatively novel programme items, and re-run some old Satellite favourites, but will be delighted to host regular Eastercon traditions.

Satellite 4 will have an Art Show with Auction, a Dealers' Room and a Real Ale Bar. We are currently in talks with the Kelburn Brewery, who supplied the beer for Satellite 3, and aim to negotiate special convention prices, on both food and drink, with the Crowne Plaza.

The Opening Ceremony will take place on Friday afternoon. We also hope to have a special event on Friday evening to mark the opening of the Art Show – more details to follow in future PRs! Of course no Glasgow Eastercon would be complete without a ceilidh, and a dramatic performance (hopefully with songs) by Glasgow's own Ian Sorensen. There will also be a themed disco, though we've not quite got round to choosing the theme yet, so feel free to contribute suggestions via our Facebook or Twitter pages. The formal closing ceremony will be on Monday afternoon, with Satellite's traditional Dead Laika Party in the evening (named of course in honour of the first dog in space).

The Ambassadors' Ball

There will no formal masquerade at Satellite 4. Instead we plan to hold a costume ball, similar to the very successful event at Illustrious. Our theme – shamelessly ~~stolen~~ adapted from our sister Glasgow convention Confounding Tales – will be "The Ambassadors' Ball". Delegations and dignitaries from all races, cultures, planets and universes (real or fictional) are cordially invited to attend this event of truly intergalactic importance.

Costumers will have the opportunity to be announced on arrival and to have their work judged by an expert panel. Short "dramatic presentations" can be organised by prior arrangement. We encourage you all to dress up, even if

you don't want your costume assessed. However, if you can't think of a costume, or aren't into that sort of thing, you are equally welcome to come-as-you-are and simply enjoy the spectacle.

(In keeping with the pacific nature of the event, a strict weapons policy will be enforced. Attendees will be allowed to bear side-arms, as long as they are peace-bonded; larger weapons may be displayed with honour at the bearer's presentation to the Ball, but must be secured before dancing recommences.)

A Neo-friendly Con

Satellite 4 will hold some special events aimed at easing the transition into fandom in general, and Eastercon in particular, for new members (our honourable Neo's). As well as having a first-timers event on Friday, we have appointed Gaspode and Gaspodia as our official Neo-Mum and Neo-Dad. They will be available for a period each morning to answer questions and help new fans plan their time so as to get the most from the convention. We are also looking for a few experienced fans to wear a special 'Neo-friendly' badge indicating they are willing to offer advice, or just chat, to first-timers on an ad hoc basis throughout the Con.

Programme Ideas and Volunteers Wanted!

We've already received some suggestions for programme items, but would be delighted to have LOTS more. If you have an idea you'd like us to consider, or would like to volunteer to give a talk, contribute to a panel, or run a game, quiz or workshop, then please contact us at:

programme@satellite4.org.uk

We can't promise to use every suggestion, but the more we have to choose from the better the final programme will be.

Hall Costumes

As has become traditional for Eastercons, we will be running a Hall Costume competition, and we thought we'd better give you enough notice to get some truly spectacular outfits together. All members are welcome to take part.

As with the Ambassadors' Ball, side-arms must be peace-bonded at all times; pole arms and staves will be allowed at the discretion of the Head of Operations (for the moment, please email us at **info@satellite4.org.uk** if you have any specific requests).

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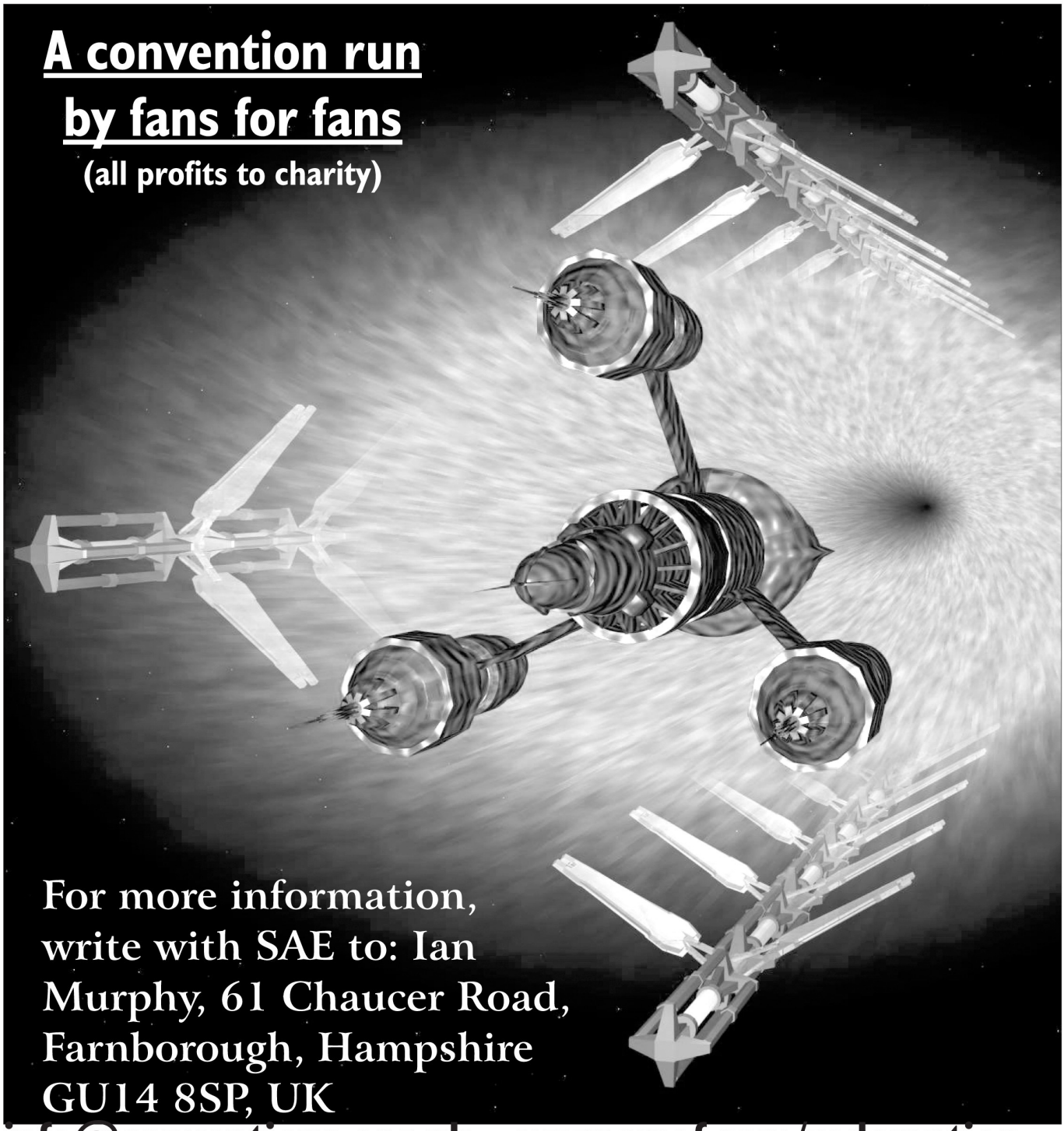
22 – 24 February 2013

Britannia Hotel, Coventry, UK

Multimedia Science Fiction Convention



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info@conventions.org.uk www.smof.com/redemption

Membership List

75 S 1/2R
342 S @murphyslawyer
114 A Abbott, Michael
336 A Abigail, Dawn
54 A Alexander, Iain
295 A Allery, Charlie
285 A Alligator Descartes
70 A Ameringen, Brian
72 J Ameringen, Meriol
296 A Anghelatos, Tina
226 A Anglemark, Johan
227 A Anglemark, Linnéa
247 A Armstrong, Andrew
248 A Armstrong, Helen
258 A Austin, Margaret
14 L Banks, Iain M
126 A Barton, Andrew
130 A Battye, Sandra
251 A Bedford, Jacey
261 A Beel, Catriona (Catriona)
151 A Bellingham, Alan (The Bellinghman)
239 A Bentley, Joshua (Joshua)
231 A Berg, Tracy
321 A Bernardi, Michael
198 A Blufire
22 A Bobby
81 A Boekestein, Jaap
170 A Boettcher, Hans-Ulrich
53 A Boggis
74 A Booth, Susan
331 A Boothby, Clare
62 A Bradshaw, Simon
265 A Bray, John
24 A Brialey, Claire
51 A Brider, David
309 A Brooks, Chris (Chris)
135 A Brown, John
103 A Buckley, ED
348 A Budd, Nicola
194 A Budge, George
20 A Burns, Bill
3 G Burns, Jim
21 A Burns, Mary
46 J Cain, Jonathan
45 J Cain, Marianne
44 A Cain, Steven
197 A Cal
77 A campbell, jim
33 A cDave
59 A Ceri
225 A Chappell, Arthur
338 A Chee, Bridget
292 A Cobley, Michael (Mike Cobley)
134 A Cooper, Steve
186 A Cornell, Paul
221 A Cox, Dave
84 A Cuddles
277 C Cuil
313 A Culfeather, Serena
280 A Dalg
149 A Dallman, John
171 A Daly, Julia
142 A Damerell, David
9 A Davidson, Christine
10 A Davidson, Michael
157 A Davis, Steve
83 A DC
156 A De Cesare, Giulia
327 A de Liscard, Jim
215 A Dennis, Scott
182 A Dobson, Neil
255 A Docherty, Vincent
143 A Donald, Elsie
99 A Dormer, Paul
12 A Dowd, Fran
330 A Dowd, Fran
329 A Dowd, John
95 A Dr Bob
167 A Drew, Michelle
347 A Drury, Ian
195 A Drysdale, David
259 A Easterbrook, Martin

96 A Eckt Marwitz
168 A Eddie Cochrane
183 A Edwards, Sue
275 A Eira
128 A Ellie Winpenny
306 A Ellingsen, Herman
242 A Ewing, Allison
341 A Ewing, John
243 A Ewing-Hepburn, Calum (Bladerunner)
244 J Ewing-Hepburn, Fergus (Fergus)
58 A Fee, Kenneth
349 A Fine, Colin
346 A Fletcher, Jo
316 A Flick
16 L Fluff
260 A Frihagen, Anders
91 A Funnell, Gwen
66 J Furlong, Karen
64 A Furlong, Nigel (Nige)
65 A Furlong, Sabine (Sabine)
67 C Furlong, Simon
245 A Gallagher, Elaine
333 S Gibson, Gary
246 A Girling, Dave (BFD)
55 A Gomez Lagerlof, Carolina
220 A Gordon, Niall
118 A Graham, Barbara-Jane (Barbara)
263 A Grover, Steve
281 A Gryphon
154 A Gunnarson, Urban
172 A Haddock, David
173 A Haddock, Sarah
344 J Hal
192 A Harding, Mark
262 N Harold
273 A Harold, John
350 A Harris, Colin
311 A Hazel
155 A Hebblethwaite, David
159 A Helenex
241 A Hepburn, Alasdair (Audrey)
187 A Hill, Robin
328 A Holden, Alex
124 A Howard (49 and counting)
214 A Hudson, Warren
302 A Hunter, Bob (Bob)
50 A Hunting Osprey
108 A Hutchison, Malcolm (Malcolm H)
271 A Ibbs, Michael
76 A Inamac
332 A Jackson, Ian
345 J Jodie
314 A John R Wilson
123 A Jonny Nexus
127 A Kate
92 A Kate
57 A Kavanagh, Gareth
180 A Kerr, Morag (Morag)
111 A Kievits, Peter
254 A King, Simon (KSimes)
257 A King, Wendy
69 A Kirk, Tim
206 A Koren
82 A La Femme Chocolat
37 A Larsen
4 G Lawson, Alice
5 G Lawson, Steve
233 A Lewis, Judith
279 A Lindsay, Ben
120 A Logger, Oscar (Oscar)
199 C Long, Alex
200 I Long, Elizabeth
113 A Looi, Kin-Ming (Ming)
293 A MacGregor, Allison (Allison)
294 A MacGregor, Janet (Janet)
13 L MacLeod, Ken
7 A Mad Elf
297 A Maiden, Jeremy
355 A Mains, Joyce
291 A Mair, Ann
209 A MarionNaomi
188 A Mark de Wolfe, Simon (Pompino the Kregoyne)
61 A Martin, Sian
98 A Matthew
288 G McKenna, Ian

2 G McKenna, Juliet E
1 G Meaney, John
286 G Meaney, Yvonne
340 J Meenan, Kathryn
339 J Meenan, Kieran
11 A Meenan, Mark
326 A Meike
161 A Mendlesohn, Farah
27 A Minnow
163 A Misha
202 A Morton, Carol
201 A Morton, Tony
71 A Mullan, Caroline
34 A Munchkin
234 A Nanson, Phil
324 A Nicholson, Jane (Jane)
93 A Nicolai
116 A Nile
250 A O'Neill, Ken (Paws4thot)
249 A O'Neill, Morag (Morag)
238 A O'Rourke, Tracey (TraceyJane)
224 A O'Shea, Chris (The Magician)
160 S Odell, James (James)
203 A Olson, Erik V
343 A Omega
317 A Osborn, Lawrence
223 A Osborne, Adam
267 A Paget, Colum
196 A Parry, Arwel
270 A Paterson, Joan
32 A Patterson, Andrew (Andrew)
175 A Patton, Andrew
23 N Pepper
266 A Phil
18 A Pickersgill, Catherine
19 A Pickersgill, Greg
25 A Plummer, Mark
284 J Pog
6 G Pratchett, Terry
212 A Proctor, Judith
169 A Raj
325 A Randall, Mark (Mark)
150 A Reap, Colette (Colette)
152 A Recktenwald, Thomas
158 A Red
105 A Redfarn, Peter
179 A Reilly, Frank
121 A Reynolds, Trevor (Trevor)
229 A Richards, Alison
228 A Richards, Mike
310 A Robert
102 A Robinson, Roger
181 A Rod Cobb
240 A Rogerson, Steve
125 A Rosenblum, June
185 N Rosenblum, Matt (Matt)
184 A Rosenblum, Michelle (Michelle of Gallifrey)
264 A Rothman, Stephen David
232 A Row, Dave
106 A Rowland, Marcus
301 A Rowse, Sally
300 A Rowse, Yvonne
278 A Russell, Simon
42 A Sacha
60 A Sara
68 A Schimkat, Peter
43 A Scott, Alison
222 A Scott, Jamie
315 A Scott, Mike
35 A Sha
191 A Shields, James (Lost Car Park)
56 A Silas
8 A Sleith, Carolyn (Dyllanne)
252 A Smith, Peter
153 A Smithers, Jane
112 A Smitty
276 A Smuzz
334 A Sneddon, Robert (Nojay)
79 A Sneerpout
299 A Sorensen, Ian
73 A Spencer, Douglas (Doug S)
235 A Sperring, Kari
80 A Spike
107 S Square Bear
312 A Stage, Jesper
319 A Steel, Ann

320 C Steel, Emma
318 A Steel, Jim
268 A Stepehenson, Richard
216 A Stepney, Susan
87 A Steve
210 A Steve Pritchard
219 A Stevie
205 A Stewart, Barbara
204 A Stewart, John
166 A Stirling, Billy
104 A Stocks, Chris
101 A Strandberg, Lars
353 A Streets, Rae
15 L Stross, Charles
213 A Sudworth, Anne
351 A Summerfield, Neil
162 A Sumra, Zoe
176 A Taylor, Ian
177 A Taylor, Kathy
119 A Thierstein, Markus (Markus)
86 A Thompson, Jean (Rhionnach)
117 A Thorpe, Geoffrey (Geoff Thorpe)
272 J Tibbs
269 A Tibs
354 J Tilly
97 A Tlanti
230 A Tommy
88 A Tompkins, Dave
89 A Tony N
357 A Troubman, Clive (Clive T)
36 A Ulvang, Cristina Pulido
38 C Ulvang, Daniel Pulido
39 C Ulvang, Emilia Pulido
40 I Ulvang, Patrick Pulido
129 A Undecided Adrian
17 A Van 'T Ent, Jan
100 A Van Der Putte, Larry
41 A van Oven, Paul
335 A Wake, David
63 A walker, bob
282 J Walker, Danae (Lime Green)
283 A Walker, Samantha (Esmerelda)
90 A Wareham, Peter
144 A Watt, Robert
139 A Westhead, Karen
136 A Westhead, Kathy
138 A Westhead, Mike
140 A Westhead, Peter
298 A Whitehead, Traci
217 A Whyte, Charles
208 A Wightman, Colin
207 A Wightman, Sarah
289 G Wilkins, Rob
137 A Williamson, Dale
305 C Willis, Amy
303 A Willis, Phil
304 A Willis, Sue
115 A Wilson, Anne
218 S Winslade, Rychard (Rychard of Dawlish)
132 A Woodford, Alan
133 A Woodford, Anne
94 A Yalow, Ben
193 A Young, Mark
308 A Zitzow, Liz (Lizzit)

Key

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G Guest
I Infant
J Junior
L Guest Emeritus
N Apocrypha
S Supporting

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The 72nd World Science Fiction Convention

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Iain M. Banks John Clute
Malcolm Edwards Chris Foss
Jeanne Gomoll Robin Hobb
Bryan Talbot

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Family £230 Supporting £25

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